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Applicant(s): Thomas Weisel

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Invention: **EXPANDABLE NEEDLE SUTURE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED HANDLE ASSEMBLY**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, Applicant elects to prosecute the species identified as "c" and illustrated by Figs. 11-14; 18-22, and, it appears, 35-37B. The Claims readable on the elected species include Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13-21, and 22-24.

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